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1. Many claims now presented are hybrid claims which are indefinite.
2. Claim 23 part b has to be in relative quantity ratio of buffer to PPI. without ratio, no carrier must contribute the unexpected result, be part of ~~not~~ essential part.
3. Claim 666 will be limited to buffer to PPI as more than 40:1 with CaCO₃ and NaHCO₃ or mixture of both.
4. Method of using amended claim 666 as above will be OK.
5. Claim 622 will be presented in method format stating that the buffer only works in stomach neutralizing the stomach acid not in the intestine.
6. Antecedent basis should be pointed out in all newly amended claims and all new claims.

Applicants are requested to limit their claims. Each claim should be clearly demarcated from the prior art

product claims are product claims
by process